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Commercial Students Rate

When two of the University students, Grace Levengood, a senior, and Ruhe Rudd, a sophomore, set out to prove to Uncle Sam that they could take anybody's dictation, they proved quite conclusively that Bryan-trained secretaries really make shorthand short. Both candidates passed their tests with high grades, bringing from the government representative the remark that they had done about the most nearly perfect work she had seen in quite some time. We must confess, however, before patting ourselves too generously on the back, that Grace could hold her own in the shorthand field when she entered Bryan.

The government needs young people who are proficient secretaries, and Mrs. Coutts, instructor in secretarial studies, is doing her share to provide them.

BRIGHAM RECITAL

Completing a series of four lyceum numbers offered during the year, Edward Brigham, basso-profundo and dramatic reader, charmed his university audience with most excellent renditions of *King Robert of Sicily*, *John Crenshaw*, *The Bells*, *Makin' Believe*, and numerous other readings and songs.

Other artists appearing at the University during the year were Dr. Loyal L. Wirt, Alaskan explorer; Frank E. Ackerman, South American explorer, collector and photographer, and Clarence Messick, noted bell collector and ringer.

NOTICE

Because of the necessity of having this issue in the mail prior to the beginning of the final examination period, we are unable to include commencement items. As we look forward to these closing exercises, we anticipate a time of real blessing from the ministry of Rev. Edmund Viser and Dr. Robert G. Lee.

Words better left unsaid, come back to greet us when we think them dead.

Colored Slides to Talk for the University

Tire scarcity and gas rationing seem to have proved conclusively the wisdom of an earlier decision on the part of the administration not to have the student quartets on the road this summer. Cost of transportation in other than a University-owned car would have been prohibitive.

Yet, it is almost essential that information about the University be sent out in one way or another, that young men and women who desire sound Christian college work may know of the opportunities at Bryan. At present a plan is in the making to meet this need.

Natural-color slides, beautiful reproductions, are being made of places in and around Dayton, of the court house and other places of historic interest that still stand to tell the story of the world-famous Scopes Evolution Trial of 1925. In addition, the slides will picture the familiar campus scenes and those to whom they have become most familiar—the staff and students. Still other slides will tell of opportunities for self-help work and of even greater opportunities for preaching and teaching the Gospel on the mountain and in nearby community churches and school houses.

ROAD BEING IMPROVED

To those city, county, and state authorities responsible for the present work being done on the Hill City-Bryan Hill road we extend sincere thanks. Already a great deal of the grading has been done, and stone topping is going into place, as are also the concrete gutters and curbs.

This road improvement is of great value to the University, as there are many tourists each month who drive up to the campus to enjoy the view.

GREAT MEN ON THE GREATEST BOOK

"I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man."—Abraham Lincoln.

Seniors Build Oven as Class Gift

Rather an unusual gift—an outdoor oven—has recently been made to the University by the class of 1942—a gift which promises to furnish opportunity for numerous class, organization, and general outings in the years to come.

Built of Tennessee sandstone, similar to that with which the administration building is to be faced, the oven is located near the edge of the campus just south of the main building. Here it is that the entire Bryan family enjoyed delicious hot hamburgers and all that goes with them on a recent evening, when the gift was presented to the University with a brief talk by Warren Oliff, president of the class. President Rudd responded in accepting for the "family."

It was suggested that the convenient oven, the surrounding trees, the view overlooking Chickamauga Lake and the city of Dayton—all these would, no doubt, bring requests from local Sunday School classes or other groups for use of the oven. With this in mind, the seniors asked the privilege of placing only one restriction on its use: individuals or groups picnicking on the campus are asked to observe the standards of the University, which prohibit the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco.

ARMY CHAPLAIN SPEAKS

One of the most inspirational chapel services recently held at the University was conducted by Chaplain George Riday, Chaplain of the Third Cavalry, now stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. His general theme of unselfish service to and through Christ was a challenge to his hearers to a deeper consecration and a more sacrificial, self-forgetting service to the Lord.

It is a blessing to know that there are those spiritual leaders in the armed forces who recognize the blood of Christ as essential and who see in their commission that great commission to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We praise God for men such as this.

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—God Above All—

Victory Book Campaign

A dramatic note is to be added to the Commencement Exercises this year by participation in the Victory Book campaign. Each senior is to bring an autographed Bible as a symbolic ticket of admission to Commencement in return for the diploma received. Each Bible will have pasted in it the following presentation certificate:

This Bible is presented in cooperation with the Victory Book Campaign, sponsored by the American Library Association, the American Red Cross, and the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc. The Commencement Day Committee of the Victory Book Campaign, working jointly with the Saturday Review of Literature, asked that every student graduating during May and June of 1942 appear at Commencement with a book, autographed by himself or herself, for some fellow-American who is fighting or preparing to fight for his country. This project gave a dramatic note to the campaign, and to the Commencement services of cooperating schools, contrasting vividly with the notorious burning of books by the Nazis on May 10th, 1933.

This Bible is autographed by a Senior of the William Jennings Bryan University graduating on June 10, 1942. There are many issues in the present war, but the racial issue was foremost when the books of Jewish authorship were burned by the Nazis. It is most appropriate to present the Bible. It is the Victory Book. It is the chief book of Jewish authorship, but it is more than this. It is The Book of the ages with-

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Financial Report

When you receive this NEWSETTE, we will have finished another school year. As this is written we do not know the final figure for the gift income of the fiscal year ending May 31st. We accept what God does, through our friends, with praise and thanksgiving.

Already we know that we have received at least two hundred more individual gifts during this fiscal year than during the last year. Only one University quartet traveled during the summer of 1941. The number of individual gifts received during this fiscal year would have been far greater if three quartets of gospel singers had traveled in the summer of 1941, as they did during the summer of 1940.

Excluding the \$10,000.00 received from an estate during the 1940-41 fiscal year we have had a larger total gift income this year. Without any gift this year to compare with the \$10,000 gift from the above-mentioned estate, we have been cramped financially much of the time. With rising prices we have needed a larger income than last year.

In reviewing the Lord's dealings with us materially, we should mention two other factors that we are profoundly grateful for. Our books reveal that our income from students has been larger this year. The other item will never show on the books, but it is a big item that will benefit us for years to come, if the Lord tarries. The government has started a project to pave the Bryan Hill road, including a fine sidewalk most of the way. We understand that between ten and fifteen thousand dollars is being expended on this project. This investment will pay big dividends through the years by saving tires and shoe leather. Many more visitors can be expected to see the school and the lovely campus overlooking beautiful Richland Bay of Lake Chickamauga. For all of God's blessings we invite you to join us in praise and thanksgiving.

As we begin the fiscal year 1942-43, we stand ready to live a month at a time or a week at a time, or even a day at a time, if that is God's will. It is customary to plan for at least a year ahead, but this is not essential. Living from "hand to mouth" is not at all bad if it is "God's hand and my mouth." Times of uncertainty are times of certain blessing for the one trusting in God.

Many of our students cannot make plans for next year, so we will not know who will be in attendance until school opens next September. Some students who begin the year will most likely be taken for military service during the year, and some staff members will probably be taken for service, but we trust none will be taken during a school year. If our gift income even holds up it will only be by virtue of greater sacrifices on the part of contributing friends. As we have surveyed the future our attention has been called to the words of Virgil, "Yield thou not to adversity, but press on the more bravely."

To live a year, a day at a time, does not necessarily mean a life devoid of material and spiritual blessings. Mr. R. G. Le Tourneau has illustrated that by a story from his life. He asked God for a big contract that would keep his machinery busy during the four-month California winter rainy season. Instead, God gave him continuous work for his machinery only a few days at a time, but for the entire season, at twice the price he would have received per day on the one big contract.

The Apostle Paul describes the beneficial results of this kind of life in II Corinthians 4:8-10: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body."

FRESHMEN HOLD VESPERS

When, at the beginning of the school year last fall, the freshmen took as their project the holding of regular monthly vesper services in the chapel, the news was gladly received by their fellow-students.

Though former programs have in some cases been more novel and unusual, that of May twenty-fourth proved to be one of the most inspir-

ing. "For me to live is Christ," read the large white letters across the back of the stage. And before this written testimony, in word and song were given the testimonies of a number of the freshmen.

How we praise God for testimonies that ring true—that have a heart-appeal because they come from the heart.

May Gift Receipts

Sam says "Thanks"

Dear Friends:

Stranded . . . two flat tires and no priority . . . with gas rationing just around the corner. Oh, well, it was a good trip as far as I went, and even if I did fail to make my goal by some eight or nine thousand miles (dollars to me), I enjoyed the more than sixteen thousand I did travel. And I want to say a hearty "thanks" to the many friends who helped me along the way.

But even more than that, I want to thank you on behalf of that fine group of young folks down at Bryan University that I've been representing. Your help has really meant something to them—a chance to get a sound Christian education. If you could read the testimonies of several already in the country's service, you'd know every cent you have mailed in has brought forth fruit for eternity.

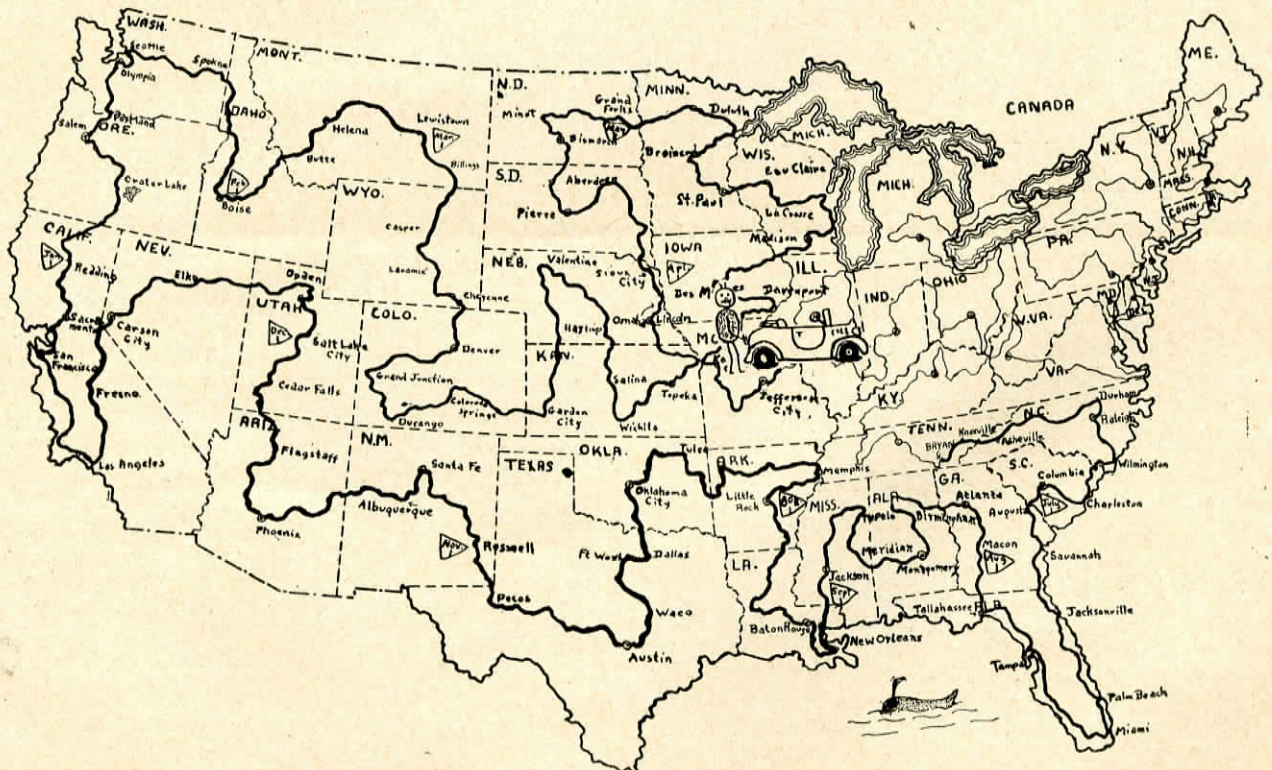
And now for next year, a difficult one, probably. No more travels, but a new, appropriate, and interesting way to help you keep in touch with all of us. I'll be wanting your prayers, needing your gifts. Look for me in the July issue.

Sam

2206	5.00	2211	1.00
2207	29.34	2212	2.50
2208	3.50	2213	110.00
2209	5.00		
2210	1.00	Total	\$2,411.01

Receipts to May 30.....\$16,760.04

1967	1.00	2027	300.00	2087	5.00	2147	2.00
1968	7.79	2028	10.00	2088	5.00	2148	10.00
1969	2.00	2029	5.00	2089	3.00	2149	1.00
1970	5.00	2030	1.00	2090	2.00	2150	1.00
1971	11.66	2031	1.00	2091	25.00	2151	5.00
1972	100.00	2032	1.00	2092	5.00	2152	5.00
1973	10.00	2033	10.00	2093	10.00	2153	5.00
1974	3.50	2034	5.00	2094	5.00	2154	1.00
1975	5.00	2035	1.00	2095	5.00	2155	5.00
1976	5.00	2036	5.00	2096	5.00	2156	2.00
1977	1.00	2037	25.00	2097	5.00	2157	2.00
1978	5.00	2038	10.00	2098	2.50	2158	2.00
1979	10.00	2039	10.00	2099	1.00	2159	2.00
1980	1.00	2040	10.00	2100	15.00	2160	5.00
1981	10.00	2041	3.00	2101	5.00	2161	1.00
1982	20.00	2042	35.00	2102	10.00	2162	30.00
1983	2.00	2043	1.00	2103	12.00	2163	1.00
1984	1.50	2044	5.00	2104	1.00	2164	1.00
1985	3.00	2045	5.00	2105	5.00	2165	1.00
1986	1.00	2046	4.00	2106	1.50	2166	5.00
1987	5.00	2047	5.00	2107	1.00	2167	12.50
1988	5.00	2048	15.00	2108	1.00	2168	1.00
1989	3.00	2049	5.00	2109	5.00	2169	1.00
1990	1.00	2050	20.00	2110	2.00	2170	2.00
1991	4.00	2051	5.00	2111	50.00	2171	10.00
1992	2.18	2052	50.00	2112	100.00	2172	25.00
1993	5.00	2053	5.00	2113	1.00	2173	10.00
1994	5.00	2054	5.00	2114	5.00	2174	50.00
1995	1.00	2055	5.00	2115	1.00	2175	5.00
1996	5.00	2056	5.00	2116	10.00	2176	5.00
1997	6.00	2057	5.00	2117	2.00	2177	10.00
1998	30.00	2058	5.00	2118	5.00	2178	2.00
1999	5.00	2059	25.00	2119	5.00	2179	5.00
2000	1.00	2060	1.00	2120	2.50	2180	2.00
2001	5.00	2061	3.00	2121	200.00	2181	1.00
2002	10.00	2062	2.00	2122	1.00	2182	1.00
2003	12.00	2063	2.00	2123	60.00	2183	1.00
2004	2.00	2064	10.00	2124	1.80	2184	2.00
2005	2.00	2065	3.00	2125	2.00	2185	1.00
2006	5.00	2066	10.00	2126	1.00	2186	1.00
2007	10.00	2067	2.00	2127	3.00	2187	1.00
2008	5.00	2068	10.00	2128	5.00	2188	10.00
2009	3.00	2069	10.00	2129	1.00	2189	25.00
2010	5.00	2070	1.00	2130	5.00	2190	1.00
2011	1.00	2071	2.50	2131	5.00	2191	5.00
2012	5.00	2072	5.00	2132	2.00	2192	2.00
2013	10.00	2073	1.00	2133	3.03	2193	20.00
2014	2.00	2074	5.00	2134	1.00	2194	2.00
2015	2.00	2075	20.00	2135	5.00	2195	2.00
2016	1.00	2076	1.00	2136	1.50	2196	5.00
2017	10.00	2077	1.00	2137	25.00	2197	15.00
2018	5.00	2078	2.00	2138	1.00	2198	10.00
2019	1.00	2079	1.00	2139	10.00	2199	5.00
2020	10.00	2080	5.00	2140	5.00	2200	1.00
2021	1.00	2081	3.00	2141	2.00	2201	5.00
2022	2.00	2082	6.00	2142	5.00	2202	10.00
2023	4.00	2083	.21	2143	2.00	2203	57.00
2024	5.00	2084	5.00	2144	1.00	2204	2.00
2025	2.00	2085	5.00	2145	5.00	2205	2.00
2026	5.00	2086	5.00	2146	5.00		



SENIORS DISAPPEAR

The staff and underclassmen awoke to find empty beds, vacant chairs, and missing faces on the morning of May 26th. "Have you seen . . .?" "Well, where did they go?" "Huh! I knew something was up when I saw that funny grin on Leona's face Monday night." These and other questions and remarks filled the air, but except for the few who have that uncanny ability of knowing everything, the mystery continued until the hours had flitted by and darkness had once again descended on Bryan Hill. As for the seniors . . . well!

Smothered alarm clocks tinkled at three-thirty—and we mean "a. m."—and stealthily-moving figures took shape in the dark, as cautious feet and searching fingers groped about the rooms. Finally, a softly closing car door, the grinding whir of the starter, and . . . quietness.

An hour and a half later the seniors and Dean Ryther were enjoying the aroma of crisping bacon, the goldness of "sunny-side-up" eggs, and the tang of the mountain air, as they laughed and wondered "what Bertha thought" or "what Professor Fish would say" and reveled in the freedom of the woods and the splashing of the water at Falls Creek Falls as it came leaping out into the morning air, and scintillated itself into the foam a hundred and seventy feet below.

Freedom today! But tomorrow . . . Ugh! Aching muscles, chigger bites, classes, and approaching finals. Oh, well! It was a good sneak while it lasted.

UNIQUE TRACT

To the Christian civilian in general, who seems to believe that to don a uniform is to forsake Christ, we would recommend the reading and distribution of the splendid booklet, "14 Officers and Service Men Look at Life," copies of which can be secured from the Good News Publishing Co., 322 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois. A copy of this booklet and at least a Gospel of John should be placed in the hands of every member of the American armed forces.

We who know the Lord need to recognize both the presence of and need for Christian chaplains in the service and to pray that God will strengthen and guide them in what may well be considered one of the greatest of missionary works.

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Alumni Notes

Howard Kee, '40, who is attending Dallas Seminary, writes of contemplated summer plans of traveling through the Southwest with a male trio, representing the work of the Young Life Campaign.

"Will you pray with us as God directs you that He may soon thrust us forth into His harvest field?" write Edward and Joyce de Rosset, '39 and '40. "Our call is definitely the interior of Peru. I (Edward) was recently ordained. All that we wait for now is for the Lord to open the door, touch the hearts of the government officials to grant us permission to enter Peru, and that we shall be able to go forth to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ."

From Copainala, Chiapas, Mexico, William Wonderly, '36, and Mrs. Wonderly write, "God has enabled us to get the first rough draft of the Gospel of John—a very rough affair in many places, but a foundation to work on and for which we indeed thank the Lord."

CHRISTIAN SERVICE ASSOCIATION

"God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Heb. 6:10.

As we recall the blessings received while witnessing and testifying for the Lord in the mountain chapels, we realize that the praying friends and financial supporters of the Christian Service Association made the work possible. We can best share the blessings with you by a summary of the Christian Service Association activities for 1941-1942:

Number of souls saved.....	79
Number of homes visited for the express purpose of making Him known.....	120
Number of tracts distributed..	15,000
Number of Gospel services held	565
Number of street meetings held	40
Number of jail services held....	20
Number of Gospels of John distributed	35
Number of Child Evangelism classes	45
Number of miles traveled, approximately	5,500
May the Lord bless you for making this report possible.	

VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN

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out regard to race or nationality. "Salvation is of the Jews." The Bible presents a Saviour, the son of God, born of a Jewish Virgin, but a Saviour of Jew and Gentile alike. Christ the Saviour, according to the Bible, is yet to be King of Kings and Lord of Lords in that day when there shall be no more wars.

William Jennings Bryan gave his life in defense of the Bible, as the inspired Word of God. William Jennings Bryan was a soldier in the Spanish-American War, but he earnestly yearned for that time when there would be no more wars and Christ would reign as Prince of Peace.

This Bible is dedicated to the memory of William Jennings Bryan and with appreciation for the education received at the William Jennings Bryan University.

Signed

Home Address.....

Anyone wishing to furnish a Bible to be autographed by one of the Seniors can send the University \$1.50 to cover the cost of the Bible and the postage. We are assured by an Army Chaplain serving at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, that he can place many of these Bibles. The name and address of the person who furnishes the money for purchase of the Bible can be included, too, if desired.

CONCERNING EVOLUTION

Professor William Bateson, of England, perhaps the world's leading biologist, has recently said that "while 40 years ago the Darwinian theory was accepted without question, today scientists have come to a point where they are unable to offer any explanation for the genesis of species.

"There is no evidence of any one species acquiring new faculties, but there are plenty of examples of losing faculties. Species lose things but do not add to their possessions. Variations of many kinds, often considerable, we daily witness, but no origin of species."—Selected.

Matt. 26:28. "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

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